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Spock speaks at Raue

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CRYSTAL LAKE - Don and Christine Blackman of Woodstock spent their first date with Leonard Nimoy. It seemed only right that the couple celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary, as well, with the famous Star Trek actor known for his logic, death-grip and, of course, pointy ears. Nimoy ("I Am Not **Spock**" ... oh wait, "I Am **Spock**") spoke Saturday night underneath a starlit ceiling **at the Raue Center** for the Arts in downtown Crystal Lake, and the Blackmans were in attendance, many years after spending their first date watching "Star Trek: The Wrath of Kahn," the second in the series, in which **Spock** dies saving the starship Enterprise from destruction.

"This is our anniversary present," said Christine Blackman, who has been a fan of the show since she was a little girl when it premiered in 1966.

And she wasn't about to miss a chance to see **Spock**.

"He was great. He was an original," Blackman said before entering the theater with a friendly "Live long and prosper" from the ticket taker.

It didn't take long for Nimoy to get a round of hearty laughter as the actor who played the stoic Vulcan led off with an, "I'm so emotional."

He then went on to talk about his childhood in Boston, his move to Hollywood ("I must have looked like something from outer space"), the first movie he acted in ("Zombies of the Stratosphere"), and the origins of the famous Vulcan greeting, in which he forms a "V" by spreading his ring and middle fingers. (He saw it **at** an Orthodox Jewish service as a boy.)

"Every time I do that, flashbulbs go off," he said while making the

gesture, as, sure enough, about 20 flashbulbs went off.

Not that he minds. Nimoy talked about all of the good things that had happened to him because of his Star Trek fame, including getting a chance to meet his extended family in Ukraine.

"Wow, what a great way to spend your life," Nimoy said. "Maybe even make a living."

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